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Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS IN NETWORKED INCOMING MAILBOXES**

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE APRIL 14, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the April 14, 2003 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response was originally due July 14, 2003. Submitted herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time to respond and fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the specification;
2. Amendments to the claims; and
3. Remarks.

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